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ANNUAL REPORT

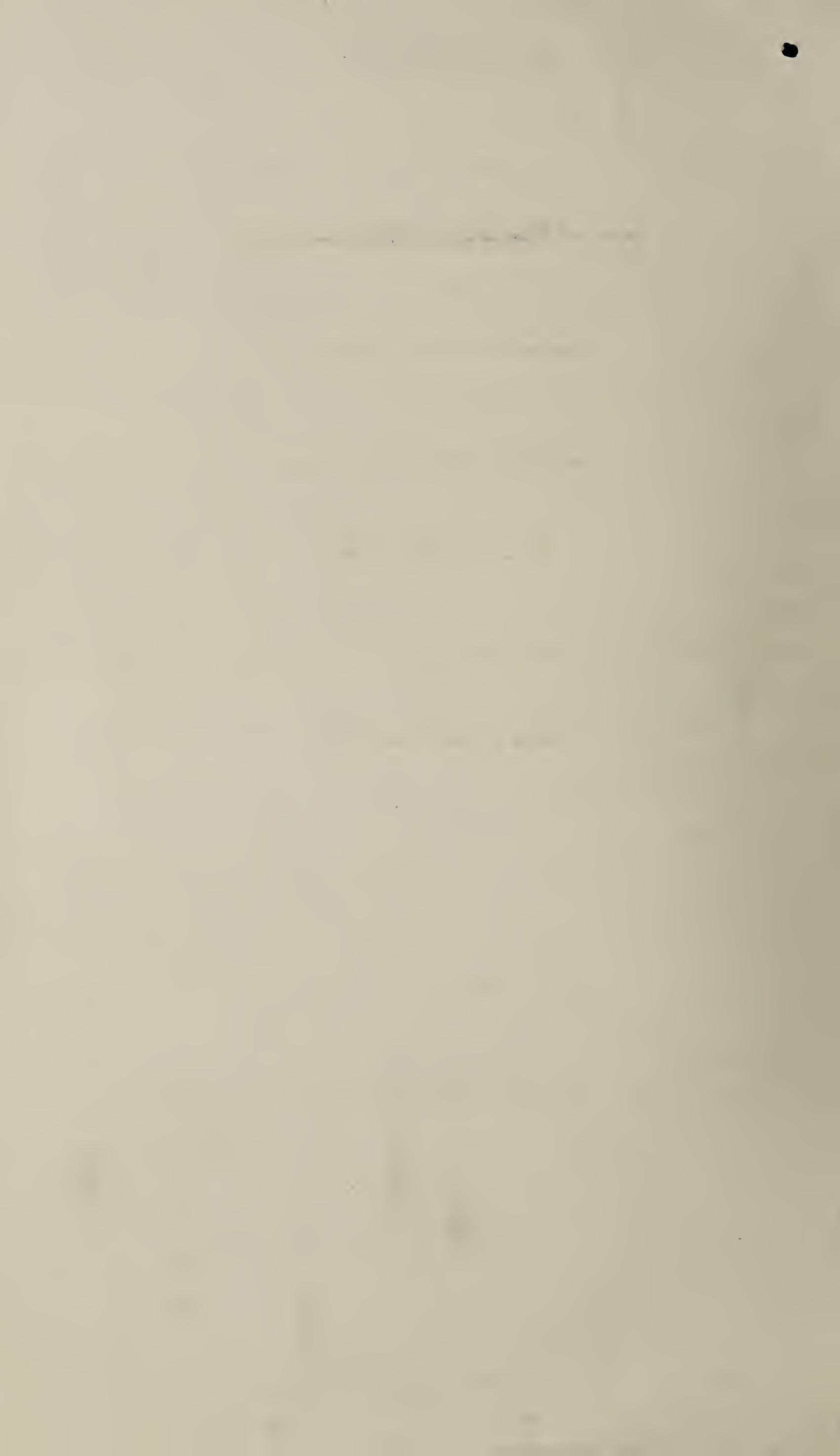
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By

GEO. J. AWEURN, B.Hy.



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To the Chairman and Members of the
Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for the year 1940.

The war still continues, carrying uneasiness amongst the people - they are upset by the Air Raid warnings and the Blackout.

I cannot say it has had any serious consequences on the health of the inhabitants. This report is being written in April, 1941, and everyone is getting sufficient food to keep their health good. They are far from being depressed or morbid, enjoying what few pleasures come their way.

There is practically no unemployment - everyone is doing his or her bit to assure victory.

The evacuation of children into "Safe Areas" has been a farce. The mothers either took their children back or sent for them. At that time Manchester had not been "Blitzed". By the end of 1940 there may have been two or three children left. The whole scheme - which was well meaning - has been a colossal waste of money.

UNEMPLOYMENT.

According to figures supplied to me from the Manager of the Glossop Labour Exchange, the number of unemployed on the books December 39/40 was 12. These would most probably be unemployable.

The health of the inhabitants of your district during 1940 has been very good.

As this is the last Annual Report I shall present to you I want to thank you and your predecessors for their great kindness during the 31 years I have been your Medical Officer of Health.

I must express my thanks to Mr. Taylor - your Sanitary

Inspector - for his help during the year.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

GEORGE J. AWBURN, B.Hy.

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS

The following are the general statistics for the year 1940:-

Area of District (acres)	11,855
Estimated Population	1,208
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1940) according to Rate Books	444
Rateable Value	£23,890
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£94
Births: Legitimate ... 10 Males; 9 females; total	19
Illegitimate .. 1 "; 0 "; total	1
Birth Rate	15.7
Death Rate	14.0
Still Births	Nil
Infantile Death Rate	Nil
Number of Women dying in, or in consequence of child birth .	Nil
Deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough or Diarrhoea	Nil
Deaths from Cancer	3

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR AREA

All have remained the same as in 1939.

SCHOOLS

There are two Elementary Schools. They are well built, having a good water supply and well ventilated. One school would be ample for the village. It is a waste of money having two.

MILK

The village is supplied with milk from the surrounding farms. There is one accredited milk producer and purveyor. Six samples were analysed and were found free from adulteration.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES REPORTED DURING THE YEAR 1940.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total cases Notified.</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Acute Primary Pneumonia	4	Nil	1
Chicken pox	10	Nil	Nil
Measles	12	Nil	Nil
Whooping Cough	15	Nil	Nil

Analysis of the Total Notified Cases under the following Age Groups:-

Pneumonia Over 40 4 Cases

Chicken Pox	Under 1	1 Case
	1 - 5	0 Cases
	5 - 10	7 Cases
	10 - 15	2 Cases
Measles	Under 1	2 Cases
	1 - 5	4 Cases
	5 - 10	4 Cases
	10 - 20	2 Cases
Whooping Cough	Under 1	4 Cases
	1 - 5	11 Cases

Throughout the whole of England there were epidemics of measles, whooping cough and chicken pox.

Head Teachers in schools report to the M.O.H. any cases of infectious disease amongst the scholars.

ADULTERATION

Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928.

Mr. Hallard, Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures, Cheshire, writes:- "All samples taken in the Tintwistle Area were all pure."

W A T E R

The Village of Tintwistle has its own supply, which is of excellent quality.

The Government requested us to examine other sources of supply in the event of the main supply being cut off by enemy action. This was done and some of the supplies taken were not up to standard, and dangerous to drink unless previously boiled.

T U B E R C U L O S I S

No cases of Respiratory or Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis were reported.

Five specimens of Sputum were sent for examination. All were negative.

INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS and WORKPLACES.

Including Inspection made by Sanitary Inspector.

Premises	Number of Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories with mechanical power	1	Nil	Nil
Factories without "	Nil	NIL	Nil
Other Premises under the Act (including work of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total -----	1	Nil	Nil

Sanitary Inspector's Report

Council Offices,
Manchester Road,
Tintwistle,

January 1st, 1941.

To the Chairman and Members of the Tintwistle
Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report for the year 1940, particularly the period from July to December, under my supervision. A copy of this report has been forwarded to the Medical Officer of Health.

HOUSING

There are 444 inhabited dwelling-houses in the District. There are no cellar dwellings. There are two back-to-back houses, one of which has been closed by order of the local authority.

HOUSING ACTS

Houses have been inspected under The Housing Act, 1936. In all cases where Statutory Notices have been served, the necessary work has been made under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1930.

SANITARY CONVENiences

In the Urban part of the District, the House Refuse is collected weekly, by the Rural District Council. A galvanized iron dust-bin is provided for each house. In the Rural parts, the Refuse is removed by the occupiers, except at Woodhead and Crowden districts, where it is removed by the owners, i.e. The Manchester Corporation Waterworks Department.

The following figures relate to Sanitary Conveniences in the District:-

Privies or Pail Closets	20
Fresh Water Closets	322
Waste Water Closets	38
Water Closets fixed during 1940	3

WATER SUPPLY

The supplies are adequate in all parts of the District; a shortage may be experienced in a dry season.

ALTERNATE WATER SUPPLIES

(In case of accident to mains due to Enemy Action)

By arrangement with Dr. Awburn, the Medical Officer of Health, four samples of well water were submitted for Bacteriological analysis to the Public Health Laboratories of the University of Manchester.

Sanitary Inspections 276

Farms 10

Dairies 10

Milkshops 30

other places where food is prepared or sold 60

Result of Inspections, notices served - 56, necessitating a considerable amount of repairs being carried out, including:-

Roofing and roof drainage
Plastering to walls and ceilings
Windows made to open so as to be used for ventilation
New Fixtures and repairs to fireplaces
New glazed earthenware sinks and sink waste pipes to replace defective and offensive stone sinks
Defective treads and risers to stairs replaced
Defective brickwork to firebacks and washboiler fires
Defective flooring relaid or repaired
New latches and catches to windows and doors

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS ORDER

The number of Cowkeepers registered are six. Dairies are attached to the Farmhouses, but as a rule only small quantities of milk are kept on the premises; it is sold and delivered on the day of production, the greater portion being retailed locally.

It is pleasing to note that one farmer (Mr. Beever, Crossgate Farm) is licensed as an accredited producer of milk.

The cowsheds in the district are very well kept.

It is important to remember that once the retailer has delivered the milk, his responsibility terminates.

Storage in the home is as important as that required of the producer and retailer before distribution. Both are required to see that every container is sterilised and kept free from dust or atmospheric impurities, and that no person engaged by him is suffering from or has been in contact with any person suffering from any infectious disease.

Milk is a perfect food, it is also an excellent media for the development of micro-organisms. Unless such precautions as indicated above are taken, the milk becomes far more dangerous, due to imperfect storage in the home, than it was when delivered.

The position of accredited milk as supplied to school children and sterilised milk to the public is as follows:-

	<u>No. of Bottles</u>	<u>No. of Pints.</u>	
School children	<u>1/3rd of a pint.</u> 31,000	10,333	accredited milk.
Bottled milk to the public	11,240	11,240	sterilised milk.
	<u>42,240</u>	<u>21,573</u>	

MILK SHOPS

Two premises are registered for the sale of milk but owing to the shortage of the milk supply, they are inoperative.

Two premises are registered for the manufacture and sale of Ice Cream, (Food & Drugs Act, 1938, part 1) but owing to inadequate milk supply they are inoperative.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There is only one registered Slaughterhouse in the District and this at present is not in use.

There is only one butcher's shop, this sells meat only from animals slaughtered outside the District.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

GEO. H. TAYLOR,
F.F.Sc. London.
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